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EDITORIAL POWERFUL STATEMENT OF CASE

Washington Believes Sentiment
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(From The Tribune Bureau.)
Washington, April 13.—The Tribune editorial indorsing Colonel Roosevelt for President was widely read and commented on around the Capitol to-day, but not for publication. It was received with mixed emotions by both the old-line and Progressive factions, but neither side is sure enough where it stands to wish to tell about it. Only the out-and-out Roosevelt men, of whom there are few in Washington, cared to be quoted, and they said what was to be expected.

It was admitted even by the most implacable opponents of the Colonel that the Tribune's policy would be a great assistance to him. The Tribune's fight against him in 1912 was remembered, and the fact that the new issues had convinced it that he is now the man to support would, it was felt, have wide influence.

Politicians on the Fence.

The fact is, reports of the growing Roosevelt sentiment throughout the country have put the great majority of the politicians on the fence. Officially they are for Hughes or some favorite son, but the returns from Illinois, where 12,000 men wrote in Roosevelt's name and the knowledge that the Colonel could have had many more delegates had he made a fight for them, have provided food for serious thought. The politicians want to win—the Old Guard knows that it cannot again lead the rank and file into a foreseen defeat, and that it will be unseated if it tries it. Many of the leaders, apart from this, sincerely feel that the issues pending are so great as to make the present campaign a patriotic emergency. But practically all the regulars, because of the resentment at the 1912 bolt, want to win without Roosevelt if they can.

The idea that Roosevelt will be an even stronger candidate than Hughes does not appeal to them, and they do not enthrone any sign of his growing strength. On the other hand, they are beginning to suspect that they may have to swing to Roosevelt, and do not want to commit themselves against him. They hope they can sit on the fence till convention time.

Tribune's Statement "Powerful."
It was with this home in mind that they viewed The Tribune's action. "It is a powerful statement of the Colonel's case," said one man. "Though I am neutral, I do think the Colonel is stronger than he was. I am sure that if he is the choice of the convention every one will support him. The convention will have to decide. Well—maybe this will help it to do so." "What is The Tribune driving at?" asked another. "Probably Hughes will be nominated, and The Tribune is just getting in wrong for nothing."

A very different view was expressed by one of the oldest and most respected Republican leaders.

"I do not agree with The Tribune," he said, "but I am glad for everything that will help arouse interest in the tremendous issues which are pending. I think Hughes would make a better race, but I am sure he would make it on the Roosevelt platform."

Old Guard Republicans Frown on Tribune Stand

Bannard and Brown Regard It as Heresy—Progressive
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Old Guard Republicans in New York, to whom the name of Roosevelt is anathema, did not take kindly to The Tribune's editorial in favor of the Colonel. Some Republicans like Otto Bannard and Senator Elin B. Brown, regarded it as heresy. Those of the more progressive type, like Senators Bennett and Wellington, believed the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt would be a means of unifying the Republican party and would assure victory next fall. There were some who held aloof from comment, like Governor Whitman, who believes that Justice Hughes is the one big man. Progressives, it went without saying, were pleased.

Many local Republicans—some of them men who will take a leading part in the naming of the party's choice in Chicago—said that they believed it would be unwise for them to make any comment now, explaining that while they saw in Colonel Roosevelt the one big hope of solidifying the party, the state leaders had declared for either Root or Hughes. There were many Republicans who said they were against Colonel Roosevelt, but did not care to be quoted.

Otto T. Bannard said: "The Tribune editorial is about three years too late. I am sorry The Tribune has left the Republican party. How could the Republican party choose a man from another party, be that party the Progressive or the Democratic? If the Republican party choose such an alien leader, such an exotic as Colonel Roosevelt, it would be false to its trust. It is inconceivable. I am very sorry The Tribune has left the Republican party."

Herbert Parsons said: "My only comment is: I'm against Roosevelt!"

Walter A. Johnson, chairman of the Progressive State Committee, said: "We Progressives have felt that Colonel Roosevelt alone could save us from the many dangers facing us as American citizens. We felt we were right four years ago, and The Tribune knows we are right now. As an American citizen, I am proud of The Tribune's attitude."

George W. Perkins, national chairman of the Progressive party, said: "As I read the editorial in today's Tribune on Colonel Roosevelt it brought back memories of my childhood, when my father used to read the editorials of Horace Greely, wrote editorials that rang with true Americanism, stanch patriotism, and high ideals."

(From a New York Correspondent of The Tribune.)
Albany, April 13.—"Excellent food for thought by the Republicans of this state," this comment from one of the prominent Republicans of the Senate meant The Tribune editorial on Colonel Roosevelt seemed to filter through the ranks of the Republican legislators and state officials here to-day. While few of them would talk for publication, it was apparent that the slogan of the editorial, "Colonel Roosevelt and No Possefooting," had made a deep impression. At the luncheon table and in the lobby of the Senate and the Assembly the editorial was the most popular topic of conversation.

Governor Whitman declined to make any comment on the editorial. He still believes that Justice Hughes will be nominated by the Chicago convention. The Governor has been a consistent supporter of the Justice and will remain so unless something happens before the convention to put Mr. Hughes in the nomination.

The Governor has never said who his choice would be under the latter circumstances, however.

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Dr. Butler Warns of Mad Dog
Spirit of War—Shows
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The real Americanism, as the big issue of the coming national campaign—but without naming candidates—was the significant tone of the patriotic address delivered last night by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, at an enthusiastic meeting of the Republican County Committee, which packed Bryant Hall to the doors. Dr. Butler also directed a strong attack against the foreign policy of the present Administration.

Frederick C. Tanner, chairman of the Republican State Committee, followed Dr. Butler as a speaker, and declared that a united party would come out of the national convention, led by a candidate who carried the banner of "True Americanism," whoever he might be. It mattered not from what state the candidate might come, both Dr. Butler and Mr. Tanner said, but it was a crisis in which the people would not accept any man who did not stand for Americanism in its broadest sense.

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The final adherence of The New York Tribune to the Roosevelt banner must mark the beginning of the end of the Hughes boom as a political reality. Ever since the war began that newspaper has had the courage, the intelligence and the ability to speak for the traditional positive nationalism of the Republican party. It does so now in these last days before the convention meets and the ultimate expression to which it is forced by the pure logic of its principles is—Theodore Roosevelt for President.

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"The Administration so far, except for the unfortunate events in Mexico, has kept this country out of war, and that is what we all most desire, but the methods used to bring it about have placed us in the same dangerous position with relation to Europe as we are in today in Mexico. This Administration has destroyed the only responsible government in Mexico three years ago."

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Dr. Butler recently returned from a trip through the Western states. He declared they were all aroused to the real meaning of Americanism and were looking to the Republican party for the leaders in this crisis of our country for Americanism in its broadest sense.

"The Wilson Administration has told us," he continued, "that we cannot be a real nation, but nothing more than a sublimated police force to be used in time of domestic trouble. The people are not disposed to quarrel as to from which state our candidate may come, for they are more concerned with a principle, a purpose, and are looking to the solution of this great world problem by responsible and constructive leaders in the crisis of the next four years. The Republican party will not fail in that crisis. There is something in this situation for transcending any personal ambitions or any factional differences. We must think and plan together."

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